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School of Social Work  
Title IV-E Child Welfare Program  
Informational Session  
Full Time, 3-Year (part time) and  
Online/Hybrid Program



# What is Public Child Welfare?

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- Social work within the public sector, County Social Services, Department of Families and Children Services.
- Federal gov. & CDSS oversees & fund 58 Counties in California providing social work child welfare services to Families & Children (CPS); Referred to as DFCS, CFS, FCS
- Child welfare social work practice is guided by **federal & state policies & laws** enacted to protect children.



## Mission & Goals of Child Welfare

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- The mission of County Child Welfare is, to keep children safe and families strong. With respect and cultural humility, partnering with diverse community to ensure that any child or youth who is at risk or has suffered abuse or neglect is safe, cared for and grows up in a stable, loving family.  
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# Child Welfare Social Worker Job Activities (examples)

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- Referral Screening
- Emergency Response
- Assessment & Investigation
- Clinical Case Management
- Foster Care, Permanent Planning & Adoption
- Recruitment and Licensing of Resource Families (foster families)
- Independent Living Program
- Domestic Violence/Substance abuse
- Court Report Writing
- Testifying in Court



# What is the Title IV-E Program

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- Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, authorizes Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs, to provide federal matching funds to states for directly administering the IV-E stipend programs (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/>).
- Title IV-E child welfare program provides:
  - 1) Stipend for 2 or 3 years in the MSW program
  - 2) Specialized child welfare practice training/ course work for students pursuing a career in public child welfare.



## IV-E Program Cont...

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- The IV-E program was developed in 1989 by a joint efforts of CA Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) and Deans & Directors of graduate social work schools. Its operated by the California Social Work Education Center (CaISWEC) in 20 schools of social work in CA.



## Title IV-E - Full Time Program

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- MSW IV-E Full-time (2 year) Program: Must Participate and Successfully Complete Both Years in the MSW (academic & field practicum)
- \$18,500 Stipend per year/\$37,000 per two years
- Stipend disbursement: \$9,250 per semester
- IV-E program requires a 2-year (24 months) full time work commitment in Public Child Welfare upon MSW graduation, in all three program.



## IV-E 3-year (Part Time) Program

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- Must be **current county employee** of a social services agency (SSA), and submit a letter of support from agency director
- Stipend - Financial Educational Support
  - 3 years: Tuition/Fees
  - Required books
  - Parking & mileage
  - Maximum per year \$10,164
- Employment requirements must be in the grad's county of employment, child welfare services.





## IV-E Online/Hybrid Program

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- Must be **current county employee** of a social services agency (SSA). Submit a letter of support from agency director
- CalSWEC Maximum financial support per academic year not to exceed \$14,164
- IV-E financial support provides tuition at \$475 per unit in both years. Due to the higher online tuition cost, no expense reimbursement for required books.
- Employment requirements must be in the grad's county of employment, child welfare services.



# Eligibility Criteria and Selection

## (same for FT, PT & Online)

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- Must be a FT, 3-Year or Online student in the MSW
- Must demonstrate a commitment to, and potential for success in a career in public child welfare
- Must undergo prescreening for criminal background check (field & work)
- Must have valid CA driver's license, use of a car and auto liability insurance
- Must provide proof of US citizenship or legal permanent residency



## Eligibility Criteria Cont...

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- Priority is given to:
  1. Current employees of county welfare social services agencies and CA Department of Social Services
  2. Applicants who reflect the ethnically diverse client population currently being served by public child welfare agencies in CA.



# Academic Requirements

## (Same for FT, PT & Online)

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- Must complete entire MSW program as IV-E student at SJSU in two years, 3-years or Online.
- Must complete all course/field requirements for MSW & IV-E students.
- Must remain in academic good standing (3.0 GPA) every semester.
- Must successfully complete 2 years of MSW/IV-E field practicum.
- Must participate in Title IV-E training seminars & course requirements
- Must attain minimum competence in California Child Welfare Curriculum Competencies



# Field Practicum Placements

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- **1<sup>st</sup> Year Field Placement**
  - IV-E placement is usually within a non-profit community based organization serving IV-E eligible clients
- **Final Year Field Placement**
  - IV-E Placement is in a county child welfare agency in the Bay Area, serving children & families involved with the Child Welfare system.
  - 3-Year & Online students – both years in field placements will be at student's county of employment.



## IV-E Work Requirements

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- Graduate must make good faith effort to secure an MSW level full time employment in county public child welfare agency for at least 2 continuous years of employment.
- American Indian Students with tribal rights may complete work requirement in the following alternative settings:
  - Reservation or Rancheria providing CW services in CA or another state.
  - Urban Indian agency in CA serving IV-E eligible children and families



# Stipend Repayment

(Same for FT, PT & Online)

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Students are responsible for repaying the full stipend money received under the following circumstances:

- Failure to satisfactorily complete all MSW requirements within the 2 year period
- Failure to accept appropriate child welfare employment
- Failure to qualify for employment
- Felony or misdemeanor conviction which would disqualify applicant from county employment
- Voluntary resignation of county employment
- Termination from county employment
- Violation of the NASW Code of Ethics

\*Repayment of full stipend support money received plus interest must be made within 5 years

\*A collections process may be initiated in order to collect stipend support owed.



# Title IV-E Application

## All programs

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- Title IV-E Program Application (online)
- Due: **January 17, 2023**
- [www.sjsu.edu/title4e](http://www.sjsu.edu/title4e)

Click on IV-E Application Include

- 1) Copy of updated resume
- 2) Statement of Intent

\*All IV-E applicants who were granted acceptance to the MSW program, will be invited to attend a zoom Stipend Awards panel interview during early spring 2023.





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